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THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resumptions, Weather Record.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

CONGRESS IN SESSION.

Meets to Consider Reciprocity for Cuba and Other Affairs.

Until the senate either passes the Cuban bill or rejects that measure no proposition to adjourn the extra session of the Fifty-eighth congress will be entertained by the house of representatives. This is the declared position of the leaders of that body.

The Cuban reciprocity bill was laid before the senate on the 27th, but as no one expressed a desire to speak on it an adjournment was taken to December 1. In the house bills were introduced to abolish slavery in the Philippines and to restore the army canteen. Adjourned to December 1.

DOMESTIC.

Various patriotic organizations observed the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the evacuation of New York city by the British.

One fireman was killed and seven injured while fighting a fire in Cincinnati.

James J. Payne, town marshal of Fairmount, Ind., was shot and killed on the street by Harry "Red" Hooper, whom he had under arrest as a suspect for burglary.

The annual report of Gov. Otero, of New Mexico, makes a plea for the admission of the territory to statehood.

Thanksgiving football games: Michigan, 28; Chicago, 0. Carlisle, 28; Northwestern, 9; Minnesota, 17; Wisconsin, 9; Pennsylvania, 42; Cornell, 0; Nebraska, 16; Illinois, 0.

Title to land worth \$1,000,000,000 in the upper part of Manhattan is claimed by 17,000 heirs of the members of the old corporation of New Harlem. A suit will be begun to secure possession.

The death roll of hunters in Wisconsin since the deer season opened, already is 29. Five more cannot survive their wounds and 21 are injured severely. Fatalities never before were so numerous.

President Roosevelt went to New York to attend the funeral of James King Gracie, whose late wife was a sister of the president's mother.

The family of Frank Miller, consisting of four persons living near Pulaski, Ind., were poisoned with sardines and all died.

At Portsmouth, O., John K. Duke, defaulting cashier of the Royal Building and Loan association, killed himself to avoid imprisonment.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the seven days ended on the 27th aggregated \$1,658,462,263. The decrease compared with the corresponding week of last year was 18.3.

Rev. William E. Hinshaw was released on parole from the Indiana northern prison, where he had been serving a life sentence for the murder of his wife in 1895 at Belleville.

Joseph P. Hickey's death in a Williamsburg (N. Y.) hospital made the end of a family of six who died of pneumonia or typhoid in two weeks.

Setting of a vote is not a crime, according to the Massachusetts supreme court, but buying a vote is a serious offense.

Oberlin M. Carter, former captain of engineers in the United States army, has been released from the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Twenty of 59 discharged employees have been reinstated by the Chicago City railway on appeal by strike leaders.

Trade is stimulated by cold weather, according to Dun's weekly review, and November railroad earnings gained 5.2 per cent.

Harvey Van Dine, Peter Niedermeyer and Emil Roeski, Chicago car barn murderers and accomplices of Gus Marx, were captured by police and farmers near Tolleston, Ind., after stealing a locomotive, killing a brakeman, and fatally shooting Detective J. R. Driscoll.

The final report on the postal fraud investigation has been made public, showing that government loss is over \$3,000,000. The report is accompanied by a memorandum signed by President Roosevelt, in which official corruption is denounced in almost scathing terms.

Mrs. Arthur T. Kemp, of Newport, R. I., was divorced and married to Hollis P. Hunniford within one hour, the judge who gave the decree officiating at the wedding.

Joseph Weber and Lew Fields paid \$250 a minute to hear Mme. Patti sing in Harlem (N. Y.) theater, \$2,000 of the \$5,000 guarantee to her not being taken in at the door.

Gen. Bates recommends that no federal troops be sent to Colorado in connection with the mine strike, as it is his belief that the local authorities will be able to cope with the situation.

Ald. John J. Brennan and two codefendants were found guilty of election frauds in Chicago.

Thirty-five hundred iron workers in the Calumet (Ill.) district have been made idle by strikes or shutdowns.

John Fogle, a negro, was lynched near St. George, S. C., for an assault on Miss Ross, a young white woman.

Burglars took \$2,500 in money and \$300 in stamps from the Winnetka (Ill.) post office.

The four children of William Elks (colored) were cremated in their home near Jackson, Miss.

The grand jury in Chicago indicted Peter Niedermeyer and Harvey Van Dine for complicity in five murders, Gustav Marx for three and Emil Roeski for one.

The National Business League calls the attention of congress to the necessity for a greater American navy.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the new British ambassador, has arrived in Washington.

The fourth annual exposition of the International Live Stock association opened at the stockyards in Chicago.

Chicago factories are discharging employees by thousands at the approach of winter.

Strike breakers at the Globe smelter in Denver, Col., were attacked by a mob of 200 women, who beat them and routed the armed guard.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Justice John C. Pollock, of the supreme court of Kansas, has been selected as the successor to United States District Judge Hook, who recently was appointed United States circuit judge for Kansas.

The official canvass of the vote in Iowa for governor has been completed. Gov. Cummins received a plurality of 70,699, a majority of 59,644.

The official vote cast at the Massachusetts state election, November 3, shows that Gov. John L. Bates (rep.) was re-elected by a plurality of 35,984.

Harriet Hubbard Ayer, the well-known writer for the New York World, died of pneumonia after four days' illness.

David Hollister is dead at Mapleton, Ia., at the age of 101. He was in good health for 100 years.

William C. Wyman, a well known philanthropist, died in Baltimore, Md., aged 79 years.

Members of the Illinois congressional delegation are booming Speaker Cannon for the vice presidential nomination.

Rev. Dr. William Charles Roberts, president of Central university, died in Danville, Ky., aged 51 years.

Former President Grover Cleveland, in a letter to the editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, announces unconditionally and irrevocably that he will not be a candidate for the presidency.

Hon. David Brunner, who was a member of congress from 1888 to 1892, died in Reading, Pa., aged 68 years.

Julius Levy, for many years the foremost cornetist in the United States, died in Chicago, aged 65 years.

FOREIGN.

The flood which has caused so much damage in St. Petersburg, Russia, was the biggest since 1824. The intense cold is causing much distress among the homeless and the dwellers in cellars.

At Panama the junta unanimously decided to ratify the canal treaty as soon as it is received.

Chinese viceroys offer 90,000 foreign drilled troops for use in war upon Russia over Manchuria.

Alfred J. Frith, who murdered Frederick J. Bailey, naval storekeeper at Esquimaux, on June 27, was hanged at Victoria, B. C.

Russia and Japan are said to have agreed to a tentative settlement of the Manchurian question, and now have only the Korean matter to dispose of.

Columbia continues her military preparations and Minister Beaupre and other Americans are said to be in danger.

Emperor William's throat is not healing favorably after the recent operation, according to Berlin belief, and a new operation is rumored.

In a typhoon off Swatow, China, thousands of lives were lost.

It is estimated that 162 persons lost their lives in the recent storms on the North sea.

Canada is stirred over the proposed acquisition of Miquelon and St. Pierre islands by the United States.

England's fight against the plague in its eastern possessions has finally been given up. Over 2,000,000 persons are dead in Decan since its outbreak.

The Panama republic is asked by newspapers to occupy the islands of San Andres, Providence and Albuquerque, now under the department of Bolivar.

A protectorate for Santo Domingo republic will be asked of the United States by Wos y Gil, its fugitive president, now in Porto Rico.

Emperor William is said to have lost his voice as a result of the operation on his throat.

Colombian officials of Buena Ventura are so angry over the Panama affair that they refuse to issue steamer papers. Gen. Reyes offers the canal concession as a free gift to America.

Russia has sent a battleship and three torpedo boat destroyers to Chemulpo to enforce a demand on Japan.

The Dreyfus case has been reopened in Paris by the minister of justice, who is said to have discovered that false evidence was given at the previous trial.

British advance into Tibet is now being planned in India. Gen. Macdonald will command. Russian aid is expected in repelling the invaders.

LATER.

Safe blowers raided the department store of Foye & Eckstein, at Savannah, Ga., early on the 28th, dynamited the safe and secured between \$1,700 and \$1,800. The store was situated in the heart of the principal shopping district, and three policemen were within calling distance all night, but the robbery was not discovered until daylight.

Gen. Thomas W. Scott, adjutant-general of the state of Illinois, went to Washington, D. C., on the 28th, for the purpose of conferring with the officials regarding the reorganization of the national guard in conformity with the provisions of the Dick bill. He called at the White House, and paid his respects to the president.

The preliminary hearing of Secretary Oscar M. Carpenter and 11 other members of the Telluride (Col.) miners' union on charges of conspiring for the purpose of rioting and conspiracy to break the law was begun in that city, on the 28th, before Justice Robinson.

James H. Evans, a Canadian county, Okla., farmer, was found, on the 28th, murdered, his body lying between two rows of corn. The murderer shot Evans in the back while the farmer was shucking corn. He then took pains to tie Evans' team to the fence before leaving.

Edward Gould Richmond, one of the south's leading capitalists and manufacturers, died at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 28th, as the result of heart trouble. He was a son of Dean Richmond, who was the close friend and confederate of Samuel J. Tilden.

The Elkhart (Ind.) Paper Co., whose personnel is practically that of the defunct Indiana national bank of Elkhart, was placed in the hands of a receiver, on the 28th, by Judge Ferrall, on the petition of Samuel Winer, of Elkhart, a creditor.

Sir Mortimer Durand, the new British ambassador to the United States, arrived in this country, on the 28th, and proceeded to Washington, D. C., to present his credentials to the president and formally take charge of the British embassy.

Secretary Hay returned to Washington, D. C., on the 28th, from New York city, where he spent the Thanksgiving season with his daughter, Mrs. Payne Whitney.

Earl Rogers, of Fort Scott, Kas., accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting near Sapulpa, I. T., on the 28th.

The youthful self-confessed murderers and train robbers, Peter Niedermeyer, Harvey Van Dine, Gustav Marx and Emil Roeski, were arraigned in court at Chicago, on the 30th. Marx pleaded guilty to all the charges against him, but his three accomplices pleaded not guilty.

The circuit court of Hamilton, O., on the 30th, granted the motion for a stay of execution of the sentence of death passed upon Alfred A. Knapp for the murder of his wife. The execution was set for the 11th, and a stay was granted for 30 days.

Chief Henry J. Eaton, who had been at the head of the Hartford (Conn.) fire department since 1868, was formally retired, on the 30th. Chief Eaton was the oldest fire chief in the country in point of service, having entered the department in April, 1851.

John, William and George Reed, the only sons of Nellie Reed, a widow, broke through the ice on the Blackstone river, at Blackstone, Mass., on the 30th, and were drowned. The boys tried to cross the river to get some fire wood.

Two men were killed and one fatally injured in a collision between an east-bound freight and a work train on the Norfolk & Western road, east of Portsmouth, O., on the 30th. Both engines were demolished. Loss, \$40,000.

Alfred Olson, a stamp clerk in the Omaha (Neb.) post office, was arrested, on the 30th, by a United States marshal and charged with embezzling government funds. It was alleged that Olson's shortage would reach \$1,900.

Charles Thelson, who was arrested for writing rambling letters to President Roosevelt, was declared insane, on the 30th, and transferred from the Bellevue (N. Y.) hospital to the Manhattan state hospital at Islip, L. I.

Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia, on the 30th, issued a call for a meeting of the citizens' permanent relief committee, to take action on the appeal for help from Butler, Pa., where an epidemic of typhoid fever prevails.

C. P. L. Butler, a well-known attorney of Columbus, O., committed suicide, on the 30th, by shooting himself in the head. His act was attributed to melancholia.

Fritz Trapp, an old German farm hand, was found frozen to death, early on the 30th, his body lying in a private road just across the river in Tazewell county, Ill.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI

The 13 saloon keepers of Cole county who were indicted by the grand jury for selling liquor on Sunday will fight the indictments in the courts.

A thief threw a stone through a window into the bedroom of Charles Brubaker, cashier of the Farmers' bank at Nevada, and when Mr. Brubaker rushed out to find the miscreant, entered the house and stole the banker's trousers. The thief was not captured.

At Moundville Sunday evening Rev. Mr. Hagler had just launched into his sermon when his son came tiptoeing down the aisle and whispered something in his father's ear. The preacher went white, and for a moment was speechless. Then in a broken voice he announced that his daughter had just fallen dead with heart disease and that we must go to her.

Traffic on Broadway, the principal street of Columbia, was blocked while Lewis M. Paris and Mary Lee Mahaney were being married. The wedding took place in the middle of the street, in the center of a curious throng. The couple sat in a buggy and Rev. W. T. Maupin, of Columbia, held the horse with one hand and the Bible with the other while he performed the ceremony.

A physician at Carthage claims that place is the healthiest in the United States. Its mortality record, he says, ranges from 9 to 9 1-3 per 1,000 annually, while that of other places ranges from 10 to 25 per 1,000. "In the year 1892," says this physician, "there were 102 deaths here. Counting our population at 11,000, which is conservative, we find the death rate a shade over 9 in 1,000."

The second eviction in the recent history of Pettis county occurred Wednesday, when Sheriff Dillard and a force of deputies removed the household goods, live stock and farm utensils from the old Roe farm, recently purchased by W. D. Steele. Joe R. Roe was in possession and refused to vacate. His goods were hauled half a mile from the house and dumped at the roadside.

J. T. Pollard, a traveling "optician," visited Marionville and startled the people by distributing a flaming circular which said, "The President is Dead," and winding up by telling how Roosevelt was fitted with a pair of eye-glasses by the eye-doctor. The citizens arose in wrath, tore the bills to pieces and gave the "doctor" 24 hours to get out of town under a threat of tar and feathers.

Col. A. L. Strang, of Sedalia, projector of the proposed North & South railroad, between Miami and Sedalia, via Marshall, said that if the towns on the proposed line would pay what they agreed, two years ago, the road will be built. Sedalia has subscribed \$25,000, Miami has raised \$11,000 and will soon raise the remaining \$4,000. No money is to be paid over until the road is in operation.

While hunting near Columbia, Will Johnson fired at a strange bird overhead which was flying southeast. A beautiful homing pigeon of unusual size and of peculiar bluish color fell at his feet. Around its neck was a silver band on which was engraved, "For you alone; H. L. E. 12, Fort Selkirk, 1903." The bird evidently was from the Klondike region. It was of such unusual size that the bird authorities at Missouri university could not at first classify it, but reference to books clearly identified it as a carrier pigeon of the larger variety.

A miner named Livengood, injured by an explosion in a mine at Carterville, brought suit for \$30,000. In the trial court he was awarded a verdict for \$10,000. This is reversed by the state supreme court, the opinion being that Livengood "assumed the risk of being injured if his fellow-servants were negligent. For such injuries there can be no recovery. While the sympathies of this court are with the plaintiff, the law is so plainly against him that the court is reluctantly forced to reverse the judgment of the trial court."

Kahoka, Clark county, was filled with a crowd of excited people the other day when Frank Clark was hanged for rape and murderous assault on Miss Ollie Hess. The intense feeling culminated about one o'clock, when a crowd of several hundred men tore down the stockade, which surrounded the gallows in the courthouse yard. The execution was thus made public, and aside from this there was no disorder. The trap was sprung at 2:10, and Clark died without a struggle. He made a speech from the gallows, in which he acknowledged his crime and expressed regret for it. He recently professed Christianity and said he was ready to die. Clark was half Indian, half Mexican. His execution was exactly four months after his crime was committed. Miss Hess was attacked on the public road about two miles from Kahoka. Although possessed of the country and a reward of \$1,000 was offered for his apprehension, it was not until September 15 that Clark was recognized and arrested at Galesburg, Ill. He at once confessed and was brought to Kahoka, where he was found guilty on October 18.

CHICAGO ROBBERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Removed From Police Station to County Jail For Safe Keeping.

MARX PLEADED GUILTY

Van Dine and Niedermeyer Say They Will Hang Without Winking an Eye If They See Marx Share Same Fate.

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During the afternoon the prisoners were removed from the Harrison street police station to the county jail, where they will remain until brought to trial.

No excitement marked the trip to the jail. Each prisoner was placed in a separate patrol wagon and was guarded by seven policemen and two deputy sheriffs. During the journey Roeski joked with one of the policemen and sarcastically said: "I would like to have you alone for just one minute."

Shortly before the prisoners were removed to the county jail Marx was confronted with his three accomplices. Marx's confession implicating Van Dine, Niedermeyer and Roeski was read to the prisoners. The bandits arrested in Indiana refused to confirm or deny the contents of the message. They were asked to tell whatever more they had to say concerning their career.

When Thieves Fall Out.

"I am willing to hang without the wink of an eye if I see Marx, the squealer, hang first," Van Dine said.

"The same here," Niedermeyer added.

"You fellows got no more than you deserved," Marx said.

"Some time ago," Marx said to the inspector of police, "I met the bunch in Orleans street, where we intended to rob the American Express wagon, and I forgot my large gun. This angered the boys, and they told me to leave them. I walked away, and when 50 feet away a bullet passed through the hip of my hat. It was fired by one of these fellows. I got revenge."

Niedermeyer admitted to the police that he and Van Dine had made an attempt to kill Marx. Roeski also said that he had narrowly escaped murder at the hands of his accomplices.

Mayor Issues Order.

Mayor Harrison has ordered the police to arrest every person caught loafing without visible means of support, and the police magistrates have orders where such a vagrant is taken up and a weapon is found in his possession to fine him to the limit allowable. A desire to clear the city of undesirable men whose idleness may lead them into crime has caused the mayor to issue the order.

OWNS TO EIGHTEEN MURDERS.

Startling Confession of Charles Kruger, Slayer of Two Policemen.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—A copy of a startling confession made by Charles Kruger, under sentence to be hanged at Greensburg, Pa., has been received by Chief of Police O'Neill. If Kruger's statements are true, he is an even more reckless desperado and has less regard for human life than has any of the Chicago car barn murderers.

Kruger confesses to 18 murders in the east and middle west, including the murder here a year ago of Policemen Pennell and Devine, who were shot and killed while attempting to arrest a burglar. Numerous suspects had been arrested for the Pennell-Devine murders, but not until Kruger's confession had he been in any manner connected with the crimes by the local police. Kruger's statements are so substantial that Chief O'Neill believes he is telling the truth.

BARRETT SENTENCE DELAYED

Action Deferred to Await Result of District Attorney Dyer's Investigation.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—Thomas E. Barrett, who was convicted with John P. Dolan and Police Officer Frank Garrett of naturalization frauds, was not sentenced in the United States district court Monday, as was predicted.

United States District Attorney D. P. Dyer, when Barrett was called, said that he would ask for the postponement of the sentence until he could examine the ten or more other indictments against Barrett and ascertain whether or not he should be again placed on trial.

Judge Adams consented to the continuance and ordered that Barrett report in court daily.